

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 13, 14, 28, 32, 33, 34, 43-48, 53, 56, and 64 are amended herein.

Claims 2, 9 and 10 are canceled. Claims 70 and 71 are added. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1           1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for the intermediation of real  
2 time meetings, comprising:

3           receiving an indication by a requester system that a requester wants to request a realtime  
4 meeting M-A with a target T-A;

5           sending to a target system of the target T-A a request to conduct a real time meeting;

6           ~~after sending the request, sending by the requester system an availability status of the~~  
7 ~~requester;~~

8           queuing the request for the meeting M-A by the requester system; and

9           receiving an availability status of T-A;

10           receiving an indication by the requester system that the requester wants to request a  
11 realtime meeting M-B with another target T-B, the meeting M-B to be disjoint in time with the  
12 meeting M-A;

13           sending to a target system of the target T-B a request to conduct a real time meeting;

14           queuing the request for the meeting M-B by the requester system, such that at least two  
15 distinct meetings, disjoint in time are placed in the queue;

16           receiving an availability status of target T-B;

17           connecting the requester and ~~the target~~ one of the targets when the requester and the  
18 target are mutually available; and

19           dequeuing the request for a meeting upon its completion.

1           2. (canceled)

1           3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein a system of the target T-A is  
2 polled to determine the target's availability.

1           4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the system of the target T-A  
2 sends the target's availability status to the requester.

1           5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a system of the requester is polled to  
2 determine the requester's availability.

1           6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system of the requester sends the  
2 requester's availability status to the target.

1           7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein mutual availability is determined by  
2 checking the availability of the requester and the target.

1           8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a request is sent to a plurality of targets and  
2 mutual availability is determined when the requester and a quorum of the targets are available.

1           9. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for the intermediation of  
2 realtime meetings, comprising:

3           receiving, by a target system from a requester system, an indication that a requester R-A  
4 wants to request a realtime meeting M-A with a target;

5           queuing the request for M-A by the target system;

6           receiving, by the target, an availability status of the requester R-A;

7           receiving, by the target system from a requester system, an indication that a different  
8 requester R-B wants to request a realtime meeting M-B with the target, the meeting M-B to be  
9 disjoint in time with the other meeting M-A ;

10          queuing the requests for M-A and M-B by the target system;

11          receiving, by the target, an availability status of the requester R-B; and

12          connecting the requester and ~~the target~~ one of the targets who is available to the  
13 requester when the requester and the target are mutually available; and

14          dequeuing the request for a meeting upon its completion.

1           10. (canceled)

1           11. (canceled)

1           12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the system of the target sends the target's  
2      availability status to the requester.

1           13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein a system of the requester R-A  
2      is polled to determine the requester's availability.

1           14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the system of the requester R-  
2      A sends the requester's availability status to the target.

1           15. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein mutual availability is determined by  
2      checking the availability of the requester and the target.

1           16. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein a request is sent to a plurality of targets  
2      and mutual availability is determined when the requester and a quorum of the targets are  
3      available.

1           17-27. cancelled

1           28. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for the intermediation of real  
2      time meetings, comprising:

3           receiving an indication that a requester party wants to request a real time meeting M-A  
4      with ~~one or more~~ a target parties party T-A;

5           receiving an indication that the requester party wants to request a real time meeting M-B  
6      with a target party T-B, the meeting M-B to be disjoint in time with the other meeting M-A;

7           receiving information indicating the availability of the requester party and ~~one or more~~  
8      the target parties party T-A to participate in the real time meeting M-A, the information sent by  
9      the ~~respective party~~ requester party and the target party T-A and indicating a desire of a human  
10     being to take part in a meeting;

11          receiving information indicating the availability of the requester party and the target party  
12      T-B to participate in the real time meeting M-B, the information sent by the requester party and  
13      the target party and indicating a desire of a human being to take part in a meeting;

14          queuing the requests for meetings M-A and M-B by the requester system, such that at  
15      least two distinct meetings, disjoint in time are placed in the queue;

16 determining that the requester party and ~~one or more~~ one of the target parties T-A and T-  
17 B are mutually available to participate in the real time meeting, in response to the received  
18 information; and  
19 responsive to the determination that the requester party and ~~one or more~~ the target party  
20 T-A ~~target parties~~ are mutually available to participate in the real time meeting M-A, initiating  
21 the real time meeting M-A; and  
22 responsive to the determination that the requester party and the target party T-B are  
23 mutually available to participate in the real time meeting M-B, initiating the real time meeting  
24 M-B.

1 29. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the initiating further comprises  
2 informing the requester party and one or more target parties that they should initiate  
3 communication.

1 30. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the initiating further comprises  
2 requesting the requester party and one or more target parties to open a connection.

1 31. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the availability of the requester party  
2 and one or more target parties is determined by checking at least one of: start or end of a call;  
3 other use of phone; recent activity at computer input devices; conversation near microphone;  
4 lights turned on/off; weight in chair or on floor; a motion sensor; opening/closing of door;  
5 spoken commands; computer keyboard/mouse based commands; touchtone commands; and  
6 scheduled periods of availability.

1 32. (Currently amended) A system for intermediation of real time meetings,  
2 comprising:

3 a requester system for receiving a request from a requester party to initiate a real time  
4 meeting M-A with ~~one or more~~ a target party T-A ~~parties associated with target systems and for~~  
5 receiving a request from the requester party to initiate a real time meeting M-B with a target  
6 party T-B, the meetings M-A and M-B being disjoint in time;

7 a queue, such that requests for at least two distinct meetings M-A and M-B, disjoint in  
8 time, are placed in the queue;

9 a first server system associated with the requester system, the first server system for  
10 determining availability of the requester party and sending the availability of the requester party;

11 a second server system associated with a target system, the second server system for  
12 determining availability of ~~one or more target parties~~ a target party T-A and sending the  
13 availability of ~~at least one of the target parties~~ the target party T-A;  
14 a third server system associated with a target system, the third server system for  
15 determining availability of a target party T-B and sending the availability of the target party T-B;  
16 and  
17 a deciding agent in communication with the first server system, the second server system,  
18 ~~the requester system, and the target system~~ and the third server system, the deciding agent for  
19 recording the ~~request~~ requests for the real time ~~meeting~~, meetings M-A and M-B, for receiving  
20 an indication that each requester party and ~~one or more~~ the first and second target parties are  
21 available for the respective real time ~~meeting~~ meetings M-A and M-B, for determining whether  
22 the requester party and one or more target parties are mutually available for the respective real  
23 time ~~meeting~~ meetings M-A and M-B, and for initiating one or both of the real time meetings M-  
24 A and M-B when ~~all parties~~ the requestor party and the respective target parties T-A and T-B are  
25 mutually available.

1 33. (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein each of the first server  
2 system and the second server system is further adapted to record the request for the real time  
3 meeting.

1 34. (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein each of the first server  
2 system and the second server system is further adapted to delete the request for the real time  
3 meeting.

1 35. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted  
2 to communicate to the first server system to cease sending an indication that the requester party  
3 is available for the real time meeting.

1 36. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted  
2 to communicate to the second server system to cease sending an indication that the target party is  
3 available for the real time meeting.

1 37. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted  
2 to poll the first server system to determine the availability of the requester party.

1           38.     (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is further adapted  
2     to poll the second server system to determine the availability of the target party.

1           39.     (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is located at the  
2     target system.

1           40.     (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the requester system is further  
2     adapted to record the request to conduct the real time meeting.

1           41.     (original) The system of claim 32, wherein the target system is further adapted to  
2     reject a request to add one or more target parties to the real time meeting and to communicate the  
3     rejection to the deciding agent.

1           42.     (previously amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the deciding agent is  
2     further adapted to receive an indication that the requester party and one or more target parties are  
3     available by monitoring the activity of the requester party and one or more target parties.

1           43.     (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting M-A  
2     is conducted using a telephone.

1           44.     (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting M-A  
2     is conducted using Internet telephony.

1           45.     (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting M-A  
2     is specified as a face-to-face meeting M-A.

1           46.     (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting M-A  
2     is specified as a text chat.

1           47.     (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting M-A  
2     is an online collaboration tool.

1           48.     (Currently amended) The system of claim 32, wherein the real time meeting M-A  
2     is a shared application.

1           49. (original) The system of claim 32, further comprising a plurality of requester  
2 parties and a plurality of target parties, and wherein the deciding agent initiates the real time  
3 meeting when a quorum of the requester parties and target parties is available.

1           50-52. Canceled  
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1           53. (Currently amended) A computer program product stored on a computer readable  
2 medium for intermediation of real time meetings, the computer program product comprising:  
3           program code for receiving an indication that a requester party wants to request a real  
4 time meeting M-A with one or more target parties a target T-A;  
5           program code for receiving an indication that the requester party wants to request a real  
6 time meeting M-B with a target T-B, the meetings M-A and M-B being disjoint in time;  
7           program code means for placing in a queue requests for the two distinct meetings M-A  
8 and M-B, disjoint in time;  
9           program code for receiving information indicating the availability of the requester party  
10 and ~~one or more target parties~~ the target parties T-A and T-B to participate in the real time  
11 meetings M-A and M-B, the information sent by the respective ~~party~~ parties and indicating a  
12 desire of a human being to take part in a meeting;  
13           program code for determining that the requester party and one or more target parties T-A  
14 and T-B are mutually available to participate in the real time meetings M-A and M-B, in  
15 response to the received information; and  
16           program code for initiating ~~the real time meeting~~ respective meetings M-A and M-B,  
17 responsive to the determination that the requester party and ~~one or more~~ at least one of target  
18 parties T-A and T-B are mutually available to participate in the respective real time meetings M-  
19 A and M-B.  
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1           54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the  
2 availability status of the requester on the target system, along with an indication that the  
3 requester has requested a meeting.

1           55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the availability status is one  
2 of in, out, and unknown.

1           56. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying an  
2   availability status of the target T-A on the requester system, along with an indication that the  
3   requestor has requested a meeting with the target.

1           57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 56, wherein the availability status is one  
2   of in, out, and unknown.

1           58. (Previously presented) A user interface displayed on a target system, comprising:  
2                   a display showing an ID of a requesting user who has requested a meeting with  
3   the target; and  
4                   a display showing an availability status of a requesting user, the availability status  
5   sent by the requesting user.

1           59. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 58, wherein the availability status  
2   is one of in, out, and unknown.

1           60. (Withdrawn) The user interface of claim 58 showing an age of the request for a  
2   meeting.

1           61. (Withdrawn) The user interface of claim 58 showing a priority of the request for a  
2   meeting.

1           62. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 58 showing a reason for the  
2   requested meeting.

1           63. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 58 showing additional information  
2   about the requesting user.

1           64. (Currently amended) A user interface displayed on a system of an owning user,  
2   comprising:

3           a display showing an ID of a requesting user who has requested a meeting with the  
4   owning user and an availability status of the requesting user, the availability status sent by the  
5   requesting user; ~~and a~~



6           the display further showing an ID of a target user with whom the owning user has  
7 requested a meeting, and the availability status of the target user sent by the target user  
8 ~~requesting user sent by the requesting user.~~

1           65. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 64, wherein the availability  
2 statuses are one of in, out, and unknown.

1           66. (Withdrawn) The user interface of claim 64, showing an age of the request for a  
2 meetings.

1           67. (Withdrawn) The user interface of claim 64, showing a priority of the request for a  
2 meetings.

1           68. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 64, showing a reason for the  
2 requested meetings.

1           69. (Previously presented) The user interface of claim 64, showing additional  
2 information about the requesting user.

1           70. (New) The user interface of claim 58, wherein the ID of the requesting user and the  
2 availability status of the requesting user are displayed in a single display box.

1           71. (New) The user interface of claim 64, wherein the ID of the requesting user and the  
2 availability status of the requesting user are displayed in a single display box.